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presents

"DON GIOVANNI" (*Mozart*)

"LA BOHEME" (*Puccini*)

"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL" (*Balfe*)

"FAUST" (*Gounod*)

"RIGOLETTO" (*Verdi*)

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BEN WILLIAMS, LEYLAND WHITE, RONALD STEAR, ALFRED
O'SHEA, BETTY BYRNE, CHRISSIE MANNING, MAURA O'REILLY,
CHRISTINE MCARDLE, FRANKLYN SAYERS, JOSEPHINE CRONIN,
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Story of the Opera

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DON GIOVANNI

Opera in Two Acts by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).
Libretto by da Ponte, based on the Spanish play, "The Playboy of Seville and the Guest of Stone" of Tirso de Molina (1583-1648).
First produced at Prague, October 29th, 1787.

CHARACTERS.

Don Giovanni, a dissolute noble (Baritone).
Don Octavia, a noble, fiancé to Anna (Tenor).
Leporello, Giovanni's valet (Bass).
Masetto, a peasant (Bass).
Commandant (Bass).
Donna Anna, his daughter (Soprano).
Donna Elvira, a lady abandoned by Giovanni (Soprano).
Zerlina, a peasant, fiancée to Masetto (Soprano).

Time—16th Century.

Place—Inard near Seville, Spain.

Don Giovanni has broken by night into Anna's room. He is chased by her father, the Commandant, who is killed by Giovanni. The latter escapes with his servant. Anna and her fiancé swear to avenge her father's death.

Don Giovanni and Leporello meet Elvira in search of her betrayer. Giovanni, not recognising her at once, flirts with her. He manages to get away from her reproaches, leaving his servant to relate to her his master's many conquests.

Don Giovanni next sets his eye on Zerlina. Leporello carries off Masetto, her fiancé. Zerlina, however, is saved by Elvira. Enter Anna and Octavia, who, not recognising Giovanni, actually seek his help to find the murderer of Anna's father. Anna, left alone with Giovanni, is saved by Elvira. Giovanni succeeds in convincing the others that Elvira is crazy. At last Anna recognises her father's slayer. Giovanni escapes. The others swear vengeance.

Don Giovanni invites the Masetto-Zerlina wedding party to his house. when he again attempts to carry off the girl. She is saved by the arrival of Elvira, Anna and Octavio. Giovanni tries to put the blame on his servant and manages to escape.

Don Giovanni comes with Leporello to Elvira's house, where Zerlina now is. Hearing his serenade, the foolish Elvira comes out to him, but Giovanni has changed costumes with his servant, who receives the attentions of Elvira. Giovanni frightens them away and then serenades Zerlina. Masetto, in search of Giovanni, is tricked by the latter, who pretends to be Leporello and condemns his master. So Masetto sends his friends off and is beaten by Giovanni, who then flees. Zerlina comes to console Masetto.

Story of the Opera (continued).

Don Giovanni left behind, the fleeing Leporello and Elvira reach Anna's garden in complete darkness. On the other side enter Anna and Octavio. Leporello, still wearing Giovanni's costume and trying to escape, is caught by Masetto. In the general surprise at his identity, he escapes.

Don Giovanni meets the fleeing Leporello in front of the dead Commandant's statue. Giovanni is recounting an adventure to Leporello when the statue speaks. His master forces Leporello to read the inscription on the statue: "I here await the vengeance decreed by Heaven unto the wretch who slew me." The undeterred Giovanni invites the statue to supper. The statue accepts.

Don Giovanni awaits his guest of stone. There is music with supper. Elvira enters to appeal again to Giovanni. He mocks her. She leaves but returns, shrieking, to escape by another door. The statue arrives, declines food and fails to win repentance from Giovanni. Giovanni is dragged below to his doom.

(Don Giovanni gone, the other principals enter, to moralise on his misdeeds and end.)

PRINCIPAL NUMBERS.

Overture.

Solo: Leporello—"Madamina." 9

Duet: Giovanni and Zerlina—"Give me thy hand." 10

Solo: Octavio—"On her, my treasure" (Dalla ma pace). 8

Solo: Zerlina—"Canst thou see me" (Batti, batti). 8

Concerted Piece and Minuet. 10

Solo: Giovanni—Serenade, "From out thy casement." 9 c 10

Solo: Zerlina—"Come, shall I tell thee" (Vedrai, carino). 9

Sextet: Principals—"All round so dark." 9

Solo: Octavio—"To my beloved" (Il mio tesoro). 10

Duet: Giovanni and Leporello—"O most noble monument." 8

Finale: Giovanni, Leporello, Statue. 6

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Leporello (servant to Don Giovanni) **RONALD STEAR**
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